

## TOP JERSEY CITY WILDLIFE QUESTIONS

1. **Does it have rabies?** Just because you see a wild animal in the daytime does not mean it has rabies. Raccoon, skunk and possum are more active at night, but also seen in the daytime. If the animal is aggressive, sluggish, moving strangely (wobbly, circling) , "looks sick," or if a bat is in a living space, call Animal Control immediately.
2. **I found a baby animal or bird - what should I do with it?** The right answer depends on the circumstances, so please call Animal Control for advice. In general, a young creature's best chance is with its mother. If it is not sick or injured and if there is no predator in sight, leave it alone. If you see a bird's nest, it can be replaced. You can also place the animal or bird in a nearby bush. If the young creature is still there after several hours, call Animal Control.
3. **How can I keep wildlife out of my yard?** The best way to keep wildlife moving on their way is to have a clean area free of food, debris, and overgrown grass and weeds. Trash cans should be covered with lids which snap or lock in place.



### Animal Control wildlife services

- Rescue and care of sick, injured, or trapped wildlife
- Remove wildlife which is in residential living space (not walls, ceilings, attics, roofs)
- Remove dead wildlife
- Investigate & prosecute animal cruelty involving wildlife
- Education about wildlife issues

Animal Control also assists residents in managing nuisance wildlife issues. The state allows removal when the wildlife is causing property damage.

In nuisance situations, Animal Control can provide education, consultation, trap loan, and removal as a non-critical service when staff and resources are available.

Please note:: nighttime, holiday, and some emergency service is provided under contract with an outside vendor, who may charge for wildlife removal.



**Jersey City is home to wildlife and always has been.** Commonly seen are: raccoons, possums, skunks, groundhogs, squirrels, and many kinds of birds (especially pigeons, seagulls and geese). Other wildlife species are occasionally seen: turkey, deer, snakes, bats. Wildlife are present because the area provides them with necessary resources for survival: food, shelter, mates.

**Wildlife is governed by State and Federal law,** Wildlife cannot be removed because they *might* cause a problem, only when there is a health or safety issue or when they are causing property damage. Private trapping is discouraged due to legal standards for care and release of trapped animals. For significant or persistent wildlife issues, we recommend a wildlife removal service or exterminator. *Never* set out poison.



The Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services provides a number of public health services related to animals:

- Rabies prevention and dog licensing
- Rescue and shelter of stray and abandoned animals
- Rescue and care of sick and injured strays and wildlife

To license your dog you will need:

1. Proof of rabies vaccination good until at least 3/1 of next year
2. Proof of spay/neuter to get discount on license
3. Application:  
[jerseycitynj.com/animalcontrol](http://jerseycitynj.com/animalcontrol)
4. Check or money order payable to "JERSEY CITY DIVISION OF HEALTH"

Please do not mail cash. Cash is accepted in the Licensing office at 199 Summit Ave, Suite D-1.

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(201) 547-6800

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